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MISSOULA--

Mr. and Mrs. John Forssen of Missoula have donated over 200 glass plate negatives of photographs, taken by Chauncey E. Woodworth around the turn of the century, to the Library Archives of the University of Montana in Missoula.

Woodworth was born in Jamestown, N.Y., in 1856 and attended Cornell University, where he studied civil engineering. After leaving Cornell, he worked in the Pennsylvania oil industry during its early years.

Woodworth came to Montana as an employee of the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1880 when the railroad was building across Montana. A long-time citizen of Missoula, he pursued many interests, including stints as civil engineer, surveyor, Wild West show proprietor, abstractor, mining engineer, school teacher, railroad land agent, theater manager and photographer. In addition, Woodworth spent time ranching and operating a sawmill in the Blackfoot Valley near Ovando.

The various photographs are representative of Woodworth's interests. They include views of Missoula and the surrounding area, fair exhibits, mining operations in Anaconda and Great Falls, and family picnics and outings.

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